

New Shoreham Town Council/Town Manager Work Session
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
Wednesday, July 07, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey, Town Councilor Peter B. Baute, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste and Richard P. Martin were present. Also present were Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge and Attorney Kathy Merolla. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

First Warden Gaffett called the meeting to order at 7:00.

1. Report of the Town Manager

Administration, Finance, Public Works

- ◆ Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge reported the RI DOT will issue a request for proposals on Friday for a parking garage in Galilee. There is no language in the RFP regarding Block Island Parking. It is to be a four storey garage with bathrooms. The Council asked that the Town's desire to continue permit parking for Block Island residents be passed along.
- ◆ DEM representatives have scheduled a visit to the Island for Heinz Field and the Town Beach Pavilion. The work is complete on Heinz Field and a little reimbursement is due from the state. Next year's recreation grant will focus on the Town Beach pavilion.
- ◆ The holiday weekend went generally well. The Ladies Auxiliary has offered to pay for the dumpster used by revelers; the first Court date will be on Friday.
- ◆ Chris D'Ovidio is working on the new flood plain ordinance which must be adopted this fall.
- ◆ Heidi Tarbox applied for a grant to fund the required update for the Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ◆ The Town's audit bid was reviewed by the Auditor General and Kathy Merolla.
- ◆ The closure agreement for Sprague Farm's gravel pit requires Jim Geremia to give progress reports; Richard Greene has reported phase I and phase II are completed.
- ◆ Mystic Solar came back and fixed the short in the Town Hall photovoltaics and the system is functioning. Next week the Town's website will show data from the system.
- ◆ The Town Manager is working with the IT consultant on an alarm ordinance.
- ◆ A piling was replaced at launch ramp.
- ◆ Geremia is satisfied with work on Old Town Road. Some places need seeding and replanting, Jim will give report to Tom Miozzi by next week.

2. Receive and act on reports from Town Solicitor

• Recycling Ordinance

Sean McGarry of Block Island Recycling Management was present. The Council and Mr. McGarry discussed a draft recycling ordinance at length. The ordinance may be more than the Town needs at this time.

Dr. Baute moved to table consideration of the ordinance until the Island Energy Plan Committee can review the issue of recycling. Motion seconded by Mr. Torrey.

Ayes: 4 (Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin)

Nays: 1 (Gaffett)

• Proposed Charter change language

Attorney Merolla reviewed draft referenda questions for the November ballot. The questions reflect Charter changes proposed by the Charter Review Commission and authorized by the Town Council. Minor changes were suggested.

3. Discussion of litigation [This item may be held in closed session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)]

At 8:30, First Warden Gaffett moved to enter executive session with Town Manager Nancy Dodge, Attorney Katherine Merolla and Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick to take the minutes of the meeting to discuss issues pertaining to litigation pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2). Motion was seconded by Mr. Torrey.

At 10:00, Ms. Gaffett moved to adjourn the closed session and seal the minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Torrey.

Ms. Gaffett reported two motions were made in the closed session meeting which will not be revealed because they pertain to litigation.

At 10:01, Ms. Gaffett moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Torrey.

Ayes: 5 (Gaffett, Torrey, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0

Minutes approved September 7, 2010

Fiona Fitzpatrick
Town Clerk